

MEDICINE SUBINTERNSHIP

VA Medical Center, 50 Irving Street, Washington, DC 20422

Welcome to your internal Medicine Subinternship at Washington DC VAMC.

On first day of your rotation please report to **Medical Service Office, Suite 4A-155** between **7:30 - 8:00 AM**

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First day:

After meeting with Mr. Woodrow Thompson, you will be on your way.

Mr. Woodrow Thompson will provide you with information regarding your ID card, computer access and computer training.

1:00 PM: Meeting with Dr. Dragica Mrkoci, Sub-Internship Director, Room 4E107

She will provide additional information regarding your daily schedules.

Briefly:

This rotation is designed to be a bridge between medical student role and a medical doctor role.

Your role as a subintern has been summarized in the introduction section of The Primer to Internal Medicine Subinternship (Attached).

“For many of you, the subinternship will be your first real taste of autonomous patient care.

Although you will of course be supervised, you are expected to be the first person evaluating your patients and generating assessments and action plans. You will be an integral part of the team, working directly with nurses, therapists, consultants, and other health care providers.

Patients’ post-hospital care will be determined largely by how well you anticipate and facilitate their discharge needs. You will also be actively involved in the kinds of difficult discussions you may have only observed up to this point. With these increased responsibilities, efficiency will now be of paramount importance to your success. You will feel the potentially competing pressures of patient care, proper documentation, early discharges, and conferences. The tips and resources in this guide were developed to prepare you for many of the practical, day-to-day issues you will face when caring for hospitalized patients. They are intended to direct you to strategies that improve both the efficiency and quality of patient care”.

Please use this Primer as a guide for your rotation.

As part of a professional environment, and to show respect to your patients, professional attire is expected. Scrubs may only be worn on long call, or after overnight call. Open toe shoes are also not acceptable, and are against OSHA regulations. No gum chewing or eating/drinking on rounds.